GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:117
ANSWERED ON:30.07.2001
POSTAL SERVICES COLLABORATION WITH FOREIGN COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Posts propose to initiate services like sale of Greeting Cards, Courier services in collaboration with foreign companies, money transfer scheme and sending of flowers on auspicious occasions to increase its revenue;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which these services are likely to be made operational; and

(d) the revenue expected to be generated therefrom?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STA QUESTION NO. 117 FOR 30th JULY, 2001 REGARDING POSTAL SERVICES COLLABORATION WITH FOREIGN COMPANIES.

The Department of Posts has already introduced Speed Post, Greeting Post and a scheme of sending of flowers on auspicious occasions through Post Office. The Department of Posts and Western Union Financial Services, have entered into a collaboration for instantaneous remittance of money from 185 countries to India through selected Post Offices. This service, which was introduced on 19.4.2001, is designed in particular to fulfil the needs of dependent families of non-resident Indians (NRIs) in India, foreign tourists and students from abroad. None of the services other than the money transfer scheme is in collaboration with foreign companies. A revenue of Rs. 28 lakhs is expected to be generated in the first year.